



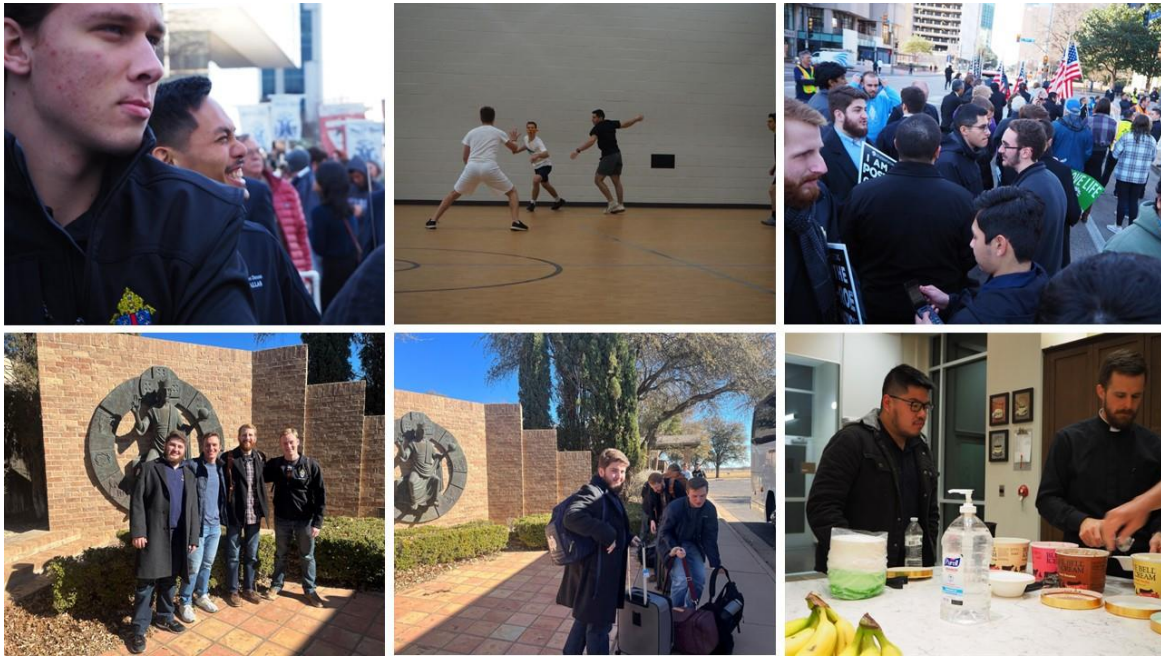
HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY



FORMING YOUNG MEN TO BE HOLY AND FAITHFUL PRIESTS FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

LIFE OF A _____+ SEMINARIAN





SPRING SEMESTER FORMATION BEGINS

After spending Christmas break in their home dioceses, the seminarians happily reunited with their brother seminarians on January 6 to begin their spring semester of formation. That same evening, they gathered for a Memorial Mass offered for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, followed by a community night and evening of fellowship.

Soon after settling in, the seminarians were off for a weeklong silent retreat. The freshman class, led in retreat by Father Stephen Sanchez, OCD, spent the week at the Holy Family of Nazareth Retreat Center in nearby Grand Prairie. The sophomores and juniors traveled to Subiaco, AR, for a retreat with Father Michal Markiewicz. The seniors and first- and second-year pre-theologians traveled to San Angelo for their retreat, with Father Charlie Garza as their retreat master.

Upon returning from their retreat, the seminarians dove right into a week of intensive formation, while also allowing time for recreation and fellowship. In addition to attending various formation workshops, the seminarians prepared for and participated in the North Texas March for Life. Classes in cooking, woodworking, auto maintenance and outdoor landscaping were also offered to teach practical skills to the seminarians. A sports tournament and a movie night were also held, providing ample time for recreation.

Additionally, a new formation initiative was introduced to the men. The seminarians had the opportunity to fund, purchase and distribute care kits to our homeless brothers and sisters in the DFW area. The seminarians are very excited about this new, ongoing pastoral initiative.

After two very busy weeks, the seminarians finally returned to classes at the University of Dallas this past Wednesday.

Please keep the seminarians in prayer throughout the spring semester.

INTRODUCING
PROPAEDEUTIC
PROGRAM

In accord with the 6th Edition of The Program of Priestly Formation (PPF) by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Holy Trinity Seminary is proud to announce that it will begin offering the ***propaedeutic stage*** of formation in the fall of 2023.

Mandated by the Vatican for all dioceses worldwide and all seminarians entering their first year of formation, this additional year of seminarian formation is introductory in nature but intensive in that it provides significant time needed for growth in prayer, trust, and fraternity prior to a seminarian beginning his ***discipleship stage*** of formation in which he pursues his philosophical studies. As further mandated, this propaedeutic stage of formation will maintain its own specific character and will enable these seminarians to lay a foundation for a new way of life centered in Christ.

While seminarians in the propaedeutic stage of formation at Holy Trinity Seminary will be housed in the same building as the seminarians in the discipleship stage, theirs will be a community of its own, requiring its own priest formators, living areas, classrooms, oratory, kitchen and dining facilities, as well as a distinct horarium and schedule of events. Holy Trinity Seminary is actively preparing for this new stage of formation by developing this new program of formation as well as re-purposing and remodeling existing space needed to accommodate the required mandates.

Logistically, this means that those men who would normally be entering Holy Trinity Seminary in the fall for their first year of formation as freshmen or 1st year pre-theologians, will now instead be entering the propaedeutic stage. The following year, these same men would then be entering the discipleship stage of formation.

If you are interested in learning more about the Propaedeutic Program, reach out to us by sending an email to propaedeutic@holytrinityseminary.org.



JOIN THE SEMINARIANS FOR MASS

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Sunday, January 29, 2023

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